

4 March 1947

Dear Mr. Kerr

This is in reply to your letter of February 27 relative to arrangements for expediting publications of certain Japanese translations.

Arrangements have been made and immediate steps have been taken to reproduce the maps included with these translations through the Central Intelligence Group Central Reproduction.

Likewise every effort is being made to expedite the remaining work in this office by the target date stated.

Sincerely,



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Letter from White
House, dated 27 Feb
47, w/DF from OC,
dated 28 Feb 47, and
1st Ind. from P&A,
dated 3 Mar 47.

SUBJECT: Letter from White House, dated 28 February 1947.

1. Attached hereto are inclosures regarding means of accelerating White House request.

2. It is requested that you reply to the White House letter in the affirmative and make the necessary arrangement to have the maps reproduced after checking with State Department facilities through Lt. Col. Leers of CIG.

GEORGE G. CAREY
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February 27, 1947

Dear Commander Little:

The purpose of this letter is to request an arrangement for expediting the publication of the remaining Japanese document translations in our project and to review the origin, purpose and progress of this group of documents.

At Mr. Locke's direction after his return from a mission for the President to Japan and China, I delivered the first group of Japanese documents and a list of the second group, on December 11, 1945, to Brigadier General Riley F. Emsie, Director of Intelligence, War Department. Mr. Locke believed that in addition to his need for the prompt translation of these documents such translations should be made known and become available to military intelligence services and, at the proper time, to interested government civilian agencies.

The documents in the first group and the list in the second group were screened by PACMIRS at Camp Ritchie and samples of these documents were scanned and reported on. As a result, Colonel Richard L. Hopkins, Coordinator, Document Activities, Office of Director of Intelligence, War Department, received instructions from his superior to arrange for the translation, publication and dissemination at the earliest possible date. On January 22, 1946, I delivered to Colonel Hopkins the second group. I understand the decision to undertake the translations was based on the timely value of the information.

The original target dates were March 31, 1946, for Yellow River hydroelectric development documents, and July 12, 1946, for documents on Manchurian industries and resources and Yellow River conditions and dam construction.

Thus far you have published and disseminated all but those listed below:

<u>WDC Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
523	Resources for the Manchuria Heavy Industry Co., July 1939.
525	Chart of Coal Fields...North China and (Hongchiang ?)

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WDC Number

Description

526(a) to (k) Manchuria Heavy Industry Co.

1st Business Report - 1st half of 1938
3rd Business Report - 1st half of 1939
4th Business Report - 2nd half of 1939
5th Business Report - 1st half of 1940
6th Business Report - 2nd half of 1940
7th Business Report - 1st half of 1941
8th Business Report - 2nd half of 1941
9th Business Report - 1st half of 1942
10th Business Report - 2nd half of 1942
11th Business Report - 1st half of 1943
12th Business Report - 2nd half of 1943

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Report on Investigation of Yun-Ch'eng and P'u-Chow
Concerning Dam Construction in San-Han Gorge.

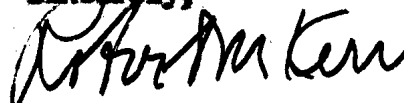
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Second Committee Report on the Yellow River.

We fully realize the many things by way of budget, personnel and moving which have seriously handicapped meeting the original target date for completion of all work by the middle of July last year. However, Mr. Locke is considerably concerned by the delay particularly as the remaining documents in many cases constitute "missing links" to those already published. At my request, Major Joseph D. Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, War Department General Staff, has discussed with the Army Map Service the possibility of its taking over the production of about 12 maps, which is now one of the principal causes of delay. The Service has agreed to complete this work by an estimated target date of March 18 and at an estimated cost of \$650., which under its policies it would charge your organization. Before proceeding, however, it needs to have an agreement for payment, and I request that this arrangement be made. In addition, I hope the remaining work in the Documents Branch may be expedited in order to meet the same target date.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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